

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Corrections and Institutions to which was referred  
3 Senate Bill No. 173 entitled “An act relating to the State House art collections”  
4 respectfully reports that it has considered the same and recommends that the  
5 House propose to the Senate that the bill be amended by striking out all after  
6 the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

7 Sec. 1. 2 V.S.A. chapter 19 is amended to read:

8 CHAPTER 19. LEGISLATIVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE  
9 STATE HOUSE

10 § 651. LEGISLATIVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE STATE  
11 HOUSE

12 (a) The Legislative Advisory Committee on the State House is created.

13 (b) The Committee shall be composed of ~~13~~ 11 members:

14 (1) ~~four~~ three members of the House of Representatives, appointed  
15 biennially by the Speaker of the House;

16 (2) ~~four~~ three members of the Senate, appointed biennially by the  
17 Committee on Committees;

18 (3) the Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Friends of the Vermont  
19 State House;

20 (4) the Director of the Vermont Historical Society;

21 (5) the Director of the Vermont ~~Council on the Arts~~ **Arts Council**;

1 (6) the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services or designee;

2 **and**

3 **(7) the Sergeant at Arms.**

4 (c) The Committee shall biennially elect a chair from among its legislative  
5 members. A quorum shall consist of **seven six** members.

6 (d) The Committee shall meet ~~at the State House~~ at least one time when the  
7 General Assembly is in session ~~and at least one time when~~. When the General  
8 Assembly is not in session ~~or at the call of the Chair~~, the Committee shall meet  
9 at least one time, but the Committee and any subcommittees shall not  
10 cumulatively meet more than six times per year; provided, however, that the  
11 Committee and any subcommittees of the Committee may meet more often  
12 with the approval of the Speaker of the House and the President Pro Tempore  
13 of the Senate. The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services shall  
14 keep minutes of the meetings and maintain a file thereof.

15 (e) The Committee shall have the assistance of the Office of Legislative  
16 Counsel and the Office of Legislative Operations.

17 § 652. PER DIEM AND EXPENSES; LEGISLATIVE MEMBERS

18 For meetings held during adjournment of the General Assembly, the  
19 legislative members of the Committee shall be entitled to per diem  
20 compensation and expense reimbursement as provided in subsection 406(a) of  
21 this title.

1 § 653. FUNCTIONS

2 (a)(1) The Legislative Advisory Committee on the State House shall be  
3 consulted on:

4 (1) review, coordinate, and make recommendations on all activities  
5 relating to the acquisition, collections and care of paintings and art, historic  
6 artifacts, and furnishings, and the refurbishing, renovation, preservation, and  
7 expansion of the building and its interior; and

8 (2) The Legislative Advisory Committee on the State House shall  
9 develop approve a plan for the acquisition or commission of artwork  
10 collections policy for the State House art collection that represents Vermont's  
11 diverse people and history, including diversity of gender, race, ethnicity,  
12 sexuality, and disability status, as developed by the State Curator pursuant to  
13 29 V.S.A. § 154a(c).

14 (b) The Sergeant at Arms and the Commissioner of Buildings and General  
15 Services, in discharging responsibilities under subdivision 62(a)(6) of this title  
16 and 29 V.S.A. §§ 154(a) and 154a, respectively, shall consider the  
17 recommendations of the Committee. The Committee's recommendations shall  
18 be advisory only.

19 Sec. 2. 2 V.S.A. § 62 is amended to read:

20 § 62. LEGISLATIVE DUTIES

21 (a) The Sergeant at Arms shall:

1 (1) execute orders of either house, the Joint Legislative Management  
2 Committee, the Committee on Joint Rules, or the House or Senate Committee  
3 on Rules;

4 (2) maintain order among spectators and take measures to prevent  
5 interruption of either house or any committee thereof;

6 (3) arrange for special meetings and conferences at the State House;

7 (4) provide for the distribution of mail to all legislators;

8 (5) schedule the time for the use of rooms for committee meetings and  
9 hearings;

10 (6) maintain the State House and its furnishings in a good state of repair  
11 and provide security for all furniture, draperies, rugs, desks, and other  
12 furnishings kept in the State House in consultation with the State Curator;

13 (7) provide for the establishment of a cafeteria and supervise its  
14 operation;

15 (8) provide security for the State House, pursuant to the responsibilities  
16 set forth in 29 V.S.A. § 171; and

17 (9) perform such other duties for the benefit of the legislators as may be  
18 required by any duly authorized committee thereof.

19 (b) He or she or any person in his or her employ shall not accept any  
20 compensation or gift for his or her services other than his or her salary. If he

1 or she or any person in his or her employ violates this provision, he or she shall  
2 be fined \$25.00.

3 (c) The Sergeant at Arms shall not be responsible for:

4 (1) structural repairs, or capital improvements, to or building  
5 maintenance for of the State House (as the term maintenance is defined in  
6 29 V.S.A. § 159);

7 (2) curating the historic State House and its collections; or for

8 (3) the use, upkeep, or maintenance of the State House grounds.

9 (d) The Sergeant at Arms and employees of the Sergeant at Arms shall seek  
10 guidance from and operate in accordance with policies adopted by the Joint  
11 Legislative Management Committee.

12 Sec. 3. 29 V.S.A. § 154a is amended to read:

13 § 154a. STATE CURATOR

14 (a) Creation. The position of State Curator is created within the  
15 Department of Buildings and General Services.

16 (b) Duties. The State Curator's responsibilities shall include:

17 (1) oversight of the ~~general historic preservation of the State House,~~  
18 ~~including maintaining the~~ historical integrity of the State House ~~and works of~~  
19 ~~art in the State House;~~

20 (2) interpretation of the State House to the visiting public through  
21 exhibits, publications, ~~and~~ tours, and other means of communication; ~~and~~

1 (3) acquisition, management, and care of State collections of art ~~and,~~  
2 historic ~~artifacts, and~~ furnishings, provided that ~~any works of art~~ ~~all items~~  
3 ~~obtained~~ for the State House are acquired pursuant to the ~~requirements of~~  
4 ~~2 V.S.A. § 653(a)~~ ~~collections policy adopted pursuant to subsection (c) of this~~  
5 ~~section~~; and

6 (4) oversight and management of the State’s historic and contemporary  
7 art and collections in ~~other~~ State buildings and on State property.

8 (c) Acquisition Collections policy. ~~In coordination with the Legislative~~  
9 ~~Advisory Committee on the State House, and in accordance with the plan~~  
10 ~~developed pursuant to 2 V.S.A. § 653, the~~ The State Curator shall adopt an  
11 acquisition develop a collections policy that ensures that the acquisition of art,  
12 ~~historic artifacts, and furnishings, and the commissioning of art and~~  
13 ~~furnishings,~~ for the State House reflects Vermont’s diverse people and history,  
14 including a diversity of gender, race, ethnicity, sexuality, and disability status,  
15 and a diversity of artistic media and artists; and celebrates the natural history of  
16 the State; and the diversity of the people and stories of Vermont throughout the  
17 history of the State. Upon approval of the Legislative Advisory Committee on  
18 the State House pursuant to 2 V.S.A. § 653, the State Curator shall adopt the  
19 collections policy.

20 (d) Interpretive plan. In coordination with the Friends of the Vermont State  
21 House and the Vermont Historical Society, the State Curator shall create an

1 interpretive plan that tells the stories of the State House art collection through  
2 accessible written, multimedia, and oral means. The plan shall include  
3 appropriate and inclusive training of State House volunteers and staff.

4 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

5 This act shall take effect on passage, except that all legislator members of  
6 the Legislative Advisory Committee on the State House on that date shall  
7 remain on the Committee through the end of the 2021–2022 biennium, and the  
8 Committee shall not approve a collections policy pursuant to 2 V.S.A.  
9 § 653(a)(2) until the members for the 2023–2024 biennium have been  
10 appointed.

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(Committee vote: \_\_\_\_\_)

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FOR THE COMMITTEE